PLANT FACT SHEET

Cupaniopsis anacardioides (A. Richard) Radlkofer

GENUS *Cupaniopsis* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Tuckeroo, Beach Tamarind, Carrotwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe orange fruit are eaten. It is the fleshy aril or layer around the seeds that is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 8-15 m high. It can spread 5-15 m across. It has a dense rounded crown. The trunk is smooth and pale grey. The inner bark is orange. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. The leaves are 10-20 cm long with 2-6 pairs of opposite leaflets. The leaflets are leathery and dark green. They are oblong with a rounded tip. They are 7-10 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. The flowers are greenish-white. The fruit occur in long chains. They are orange. They are leathery and have 3-6 lobes. They are 1-2 cm across. The seeds are black. They have a reddish attachment.

HABITAT

It grows in warm temperate to tropical places. It is native to Australia. In tropical Queensland it grows from sea level to 800 m altitude. It needs good drainage. It can grow in dry soil. It can grow in full sun or light shade. It can grow in coastal regions. It can tolerate salt. It is damaged by frost. It suits hardiness zones 9-11. Melbourne Botanical Gardens. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seed. Seed should be soaked before planting. It can take one month for seed to germinate. It should be grown vegetatively from good fruiting trees. This can be done by layering.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is a slow growing tree.

NOTES

There are 60 Cupaniopsis species. It can be invasive.

PICTURES



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